

## D. A. R. DISCUSS HALL

Mrs. McLean Sets Forth Important Facts.

## CAUSE OF DELAY EXPLAINED

Work Discontinued Because of High Price of Material—President General Wins an Enthusiastic Reception—Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood Makes an Important Motion.

## PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

10 A. M.  
The congress called to order by the president general.  
Prayer.  
Music.  
Reading of the minutes.  
Nominations and elections—  
Ten vice presidents general.  
Editor of the American Monthly Magazine.  
Business manager of the American Monthly Magazine.  
2:30 P. M.  
The President will receive the Continental Congress at the White House.  
8 P. M.  
Announcements of elections if the count of ballot is concluded.  
Musical evening.

Notwithstanding the defeat of the administration's candidate in the election for regent of the New York State Daughters of the American Revolution at the election held Tuesday night, the greeting accorded the president general of the national society, Mrs. Donald McLean, when she entered Continental Hall at all three of the sessions yesterday was warmer than that accorded her at any time since the congress opened.

When the hour for the afternoon session arrived, every seat in the mammoth auditorium was filled, and as the president general walked down the aisle to the stage she was greeted with an energetic clapping of hands. If Mrs. McLean was pleased by the result of the election of the day before, she failed to show any trace of it.

There are two distinct factions in the congress, but whether they will enter the contest to-day for the election of ten vice presidents has not been intimated.

**Third Day's Session.**  
The third day's session closed last night with an illustrated lecture on "The Birth of the Flag," by Louis H. Cornish, of New York. Mr. Cornish commenced his lecture by reciting the origin of the first flag used by the colonies, and of the making of the first American flag by flags used by the colonies, and of the first place it was unfurled. Mr. Cornish used stereoscopic views of all the flags and standards, showing them from the time the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, in 1620, to the present day.

The report of the Memorial Continental Hall committee, of which Mrs. McLean is president, was the principal order of business in the afternoon. In submitting her report, Mrs. McLean said the committee had made but one contract in the last year. This was done, she added, through the suggestion of the architect, who thought the committee would profit by waiting until the cost of building materials had fallen.

Mrs. McLean said: "We have now on hand \$57,000. There was but one contract made, and that was finished in August and the bill paid in September. This contract was for lighting and heating, and the work had been done satisfactorily."

**High Price of Material.**  
"We did not go ahead with the building on account of the high price of material. And again, if you will remember, there was quite a money panic in the winter, and that had to be considered. There was not enough money on hand to complete the exterior of the building, or even make a creditable showing, so the committee decided it was not wise to build. The columns representing the thirteen States, which are to be erected on the south portico, that were supposed to cost more than \$2,000, it was found upon inquiry, would cost at the prevailing prices, nearer \$4,000. Since then building material has gone down about 10 per cent, and we can take up the matter of building to an advantage."

"This matter I don't want you to decide on now, as it requires considerable thinking over. The property, as it now stands, is valued at \$200,000. To increase the value of the property I think it would be wise to consider this matter thoroughly before doing anything. I am told by those who ought to know, the builders and architect, that the manner of building we have pursued has been disadvantageous, and it continued will result in the building having several different colored materials in it, and the work will not be uniform. We have been thinking over the matter seriously and have consulted eminent authority in reference to bonding the property to complete the building, both interior and exterior."

"There are three alternatives—build as you have been building, wait until you get money enough, or raise the money on a mortgage and complete. As I have told you, the manner in which we have been proceeding has its faults. If you wait to raise money, it will take ten years to procure the amount necessary. In that connection let me state that an expensive suite of offices is being maintained in the center of the city. These offices are absolutely necessary. You cannot ask the officers who are doing the work to come into the hall in its present condition. Neither can you expect to conduct business of an organization of 55,000 members without proper offices. The offices should be in Continental Hall. You want to see them here, and I, too, want to see them here. The heavy rent you are paying would be saved."

**Cost of Completion.**  
"I am informed by the architect that it will take about \$170,000 to complete the exterior. Thirty thousand dollars would complete the interior. By raising \$200,000 the building could be completed throughout."

At this point a delegate asked the president general if it were known that \$200,000 could be raised on the property, and the chair responded by saying that within the last few minutes a communication had reached her from a banker in Washington stating he was willing to lend the amount necessary at 5 per cent.

The treasurer general was then called upon by the president general to read her report, showing the amount of money on hand, and what would be received at this congress. This showed that \$18,000 had been transferred to the building fund, making a total on hand of \$75,000. She said at the close of this congress, there would be added enough to make a total of \$90,000. The report added that the debt could be liquidated in ten years.

The president general said that, according to the constitution of the Daughters of the Revolution, a three-fourths vote of the national board of management would be necessary to act on the building matter, and she wished the congress would effect a remedy.

Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, one of the founders of the D. A. R., and an honorary



## NOTES OF THE CONGRESS.

Miss Louisa B. Pitkin, of Detroit, is visiting her cousin, Miss Grace Denio, of Massachusetts avenue.

Mrs. Edgar Loyd, State regent of Minnesota, presented the society a gavel made of stone from her State.

An interested visitor at the afternoon session was Mrs. William Cortelyou, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mrs. S. M. Mudge, of Tennessee, famous vocalist of the South, sang "Swanee River" to the congress yesterday.

Almost every chapter in Connecticut has the care of some Revolutionary cemetery in their respective vicinities.

Mrs. Truman Handy Newberry, vice president general for Michigan, will be nominated to-day for a second term.

An attractive member of the Mississippi delegation is Mrs. Beverly Beebe, representative of the Davis Reese Chapter.

Mrs. John W. Foster, formerly president general, occupied the house committee box for a short time in the afternoon.

From 3 to 5 o'clock this afternoon the Pocahontas Memorial Association will receive members of the D. A. R. at the Ebbitt House.

Mrs. Senator Frazier, who is a member of the Tennessee delegation, will give a buffet luncheon to the members of her delegation to-morrow at 12:30 o'clock.

Hugh Washington sent his yearly contribution of \$5 to Continental Hall in memory of his mother, who was a real daughter, and one of the first to join the society.

Mrs. James P. Brayton, who was re-elected yesterday as State regent of Michigan, entertained at dinner last evening two other State regents, the three having been girl friends in the town of Grand Haven, Mich. Mrs. Mary Perry Allen, of Utah, and Mrs. Walter Talbot, of Arizona, were the guests.

A burst of applause greeted Mrs. William Cummings Story, newly-elected State regent of New York, when she entered the auditorium yesterday. The ovation started with New York State, but when the other delegates heard who was being greeted they joined in, interrupting the president general's welcoming speech.

The loving cup presented on Tuesday to Miss Michael Jackson Baker, of Rhode Island, vice president general of the D. A. R., was a special design by the Governor of Rhode Island, and was the gift of the D. A. R. in Rhode Island. The presentation was made by Miss Mary Anne Greene, honorary State regent of Rhode Island.

Miss Mary Anne Greene, of Providence, R. I., is a lawyer, and the only woman member of the bar, who has ever argued a case before any Rhode Island court, this case being before the State Supreme Court. Miss Greene is honorary State regent of the Gaspee Chapter of Rhode Island. She is a member of the Massachusetts bar.

Mrs. Bertram C. Whitney, of Detroit, one of the most distinguished of the younger members attending the D. A. R. Congress, will receive at 5 o'clock to-day in the F street parlor of the New Willard the members of the United States Daughters of 1812. Mrs. Whitney is vice president of the organization, and is acting in place of the president, Mrs. William G. Slade, of New York City, who is not present.

The Sophistic Massac Campau Chapter, of Grand Rapids, Mich., is represented by the State regent, Mrs. James P. Brayton; the regent, Mrs. James Campbell; Miss Smith Richards, and Mrs. Julia A. C. Goldsmith. Mrs. Goldsmith will be remembered as the attractive daughter of the late Hon. C. C. Constock, when he was a member of the House of Representatives.

Mrs. Thomas B. Tomb, State vice regent of Missouri, is a delegate to the National Congress, D. A. R. Mrs. Tomb is a past regent and vice regent of the Elizabeth Benton Chapter, and a life member of several other patriotic societies. She be-

longs to the Daughters of the Seventeenth Century, Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of 1812, Holland Dames, and Pocahontas Memorial Association.

The wife of the Assistant Attorney General of the United States, Mrs. Sanford, will give a tea to the members of the Tennessee delegation at the Burlington, at 5 o'clock to-day.

Mrs. De Benneville Randolph Keim, who presented the Colonial Hall clock to Continental Hall as the regent of the Berks County Chapter—which she founded in the early days of the organization—has been one of the most active workers in the society. As an appreciation of her services she was made honorary vice president general, the only woman who ever received that honor in the society without first being a vice president general.

A bill has been passed by the legislature of Pennsylvania, through the influence of the Liberty Bell Chapter, appropriating money for a table to be placed in Zion Church, Allentown, to the memory of John Jacob Mickle, commissary of issues in the War of the Revolution. He hauled the Liberty Bell with his farm-horse team from Independence Hall through the British lines to Bethlehem, and thence to Allentown, and buried it in the corner of Zion Church, where it remained for years.

Mrs. William A. Smoot, of Alexandria, Va., is the unanimous choice of the Virginia Daughters for vice president general from that State. Her friends have worked hard, and they were somewhat nettled by the report that Mrs. Smoot's selection was not unanimous. Mrs. Samuel W. Jamison, of Roanoke, the State regent, said last night that the election of Mrs. Smoot would take place to-day, and that her selection was the desire of every member of the State delegation.

Officers and delegates of the Daughters attending the congress will be the guests of the members of the Sons of the American Revolution, District of Columbia Society, to-morrow night, at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. A programme has been arranged, consisting of addresses by prominent persons and several musical numbers. The center of the church will be reserved for the Daughters, and the side sections of pews will be for the Sons. The gallery will be for the public.

**Rule in Bankruptcy Proceedings.**  
Chief Justice Claiborne yesterday signed a rule returnable May 1 for Thomas F. Meehan, who conducts a saloon and summer garden at Ninth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, to appear and show cause why he should not be adjudged a bankrupt and a receiver appointed to take charge of his business. This order was signed upon the petition of creditors who allege that Meehan owes debts in excess of \$1,000 and is insolvent. His stock in trade is said to be valued at \$7,000.

**Academy of Science Sessions Over.**  
The Natural Academy of Sciences, which has been holding a two-day business and public session at the Smithsonian Institution and the National Museum, finished its work yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance of scientists and students at all the meetings. Prof. Dr. Ira Remsen, of Baltimore, president of the society, presided at the meetings.

**Church Greets Its Pastor.**  
Cordial greetings were extended to Rev. and Mrs. W. L. Lynn, by Gorsuch M. E. Church, yesterday evening, in honor of their return to the church for the fourth year. Mr. William R. Hunt, recording steward and superintendent of the Sunday school, who has been connected with the church for years, presided, and delivered the address of welcome, presenting Mrs. Lynn with a bouquet of American Beauty roses.

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## U. D. C. BALL IS GIVEN

Brilliant Function Held in Arlington Hotel.

## MRS. DONALD McLEAN PRESENT

Proceeds to Be Applied to Fund for Erection of Confederate Memorial Hall—Another Function of Same Character to Be Given by Sons of Confederacy on Friday Evening.

Successful were the members of the Robert E. Lee Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy in their efforts to make the ball given last night at the Arlington Hotel the most brilliant social affair of the organization during the season.

The affair was a success financially and socially, and was a fitting end to the activities of the order conducted during the winter months.

Though nearly the entire membership of Robert E. Lee Chapter and many from sister chapters in Washington were present, the large ballroom furnished ample space for the two hundred or more couples. Nearly five hundred persons were present.

**Ballroom Decorations.**  
Draped on the wall opposite the main entrance to the large ballroom were two flags of the Confederacy, loaned for the occasion by Dr. Samuel Lewis. Above was the battle flag with a red field crossed by blue stripes with white stars.

Beneath the battle flag was the emblem of the Seven Sister States, with seven white stars forming a circle on a blue field. The colors attracted much attention and were admired for the beauty of their workmanship.

At regular intervals around the walls of the small ballroom were hung eight large American flags, grouped in twos, forming semi-circular groups. The flags completed the decorations, with the exception of large bouquets of Easter lilies, American Beauty roses, orchids, and azaleas on refreshment tables.

**Benefit for Memorial Hall.**  
The ball was given for the benefit of a memorial hall for the Confederate societies in the District. It is intended to purchase the old Normont property, 928 M street northwest, at a cost of \$20,000.

Members of Robert E. Lee Chapter are proud that they were the first in devising means for raising part of the required sum. Nearly \$500 was realized.

A ball will be given Friday night by the United Sons of Confederate Veterans, the proceeds to be applied to the fund for the new home.

Gen. J. McDowell Carrington, president of the Confederate Veterans Association of the District of Columbia, introduced guests. In the receiving line were Mrs. Rose Mulcare, president of the chapter; Mrs. Archibald Young, president of the District of Columbia division, and Mrs. John Robb, U. S. T. C. daughter of Gen. Wade Hampton.

Mrs. Donald McLean, president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, was the guest of honor. Mrs. McLean was accompanied by Mrs. Rosalie McDermott.

The men's floor committee was composed of James B. Hoge, chairman; Philip S. Low, Wallace Streeter, Le Roy Livingston, H. McDowell Holmes, H. Rogers Gore, Warren G. Eynon, L. E. Kuper, Preston W. Ray, F. R. Travel, Paymaster Samuel McGowan, U. S. N.; Edwin C. Dutton, P. S. Gantt, and F. Baker Weaver.

Music was furnished by the Fort Myer band.

**Guests and the Gowns.**  
Following is a partial list of the guests, and a description of the women's gowns:

Mrs. Margaret Young, black organdie.  
Mrs. Rosalie B. Hoge, of Maryland, black net.  
Mrs. William Tucker, black lace and net.  
Mrs. Jessie Nemon, of St. Joseph, Mo., pink silk.  
Mrs. Mary L. Hillyard, of Hillary A. Herbert, Miss Minna, pompadour silk.  
Mrs. M. McMillan, lavender crepe.  
Representative Burnett, of Alabama.  
Mrs. Marjorie Butler, white lace, with diamonds.  
Mrs. Mulcare, black silk.  
Representative John Sharp Williams.  
Mr. James B. Hoge.  
Mr. J. E. Mulcare.  
Mrs. Archibald Young, lavender chiffon.  
Mrs. Randolph Tucker, of Bedford, Va., white satin.  
Mr. Frank Frazar.  
Mr. Edwin C. Dutton.  
Miss Padam, pink silk.  
Miss Julia Wynn, white lace.  
Mrs. Rosalie McDermott, of Dayton, Ohio, black velvet.  
Mrs. Rosalie McDermott, of Dayton, Ohio, pink chiffon.  
Miss Katherine McDermott, of Dayton, Ohio, yellow satin.  
Former Senator Marston Butler.  
Miss Julia Williams, of Mississippi.  
Mrs. Charles H. Ford, white satin, trimmed in lace, pearl ornaments.  
Miss Minnie Carroll, white lace net.  
Miss Drury Conway Ludlow, black and white silk, trimmed in lace and coral velvet.  
Mr. James M. Britt.  
Mrs. Opal Smith, white crepe de chene, embroidered in gold.  
Mrs. Keller, white silk.  
J. M. McDowell Carrington.  
Mrs. Faudie J. Ricks, of Mississippi, broadened silk with white lace.  
Mrs. Henry H. Merrivether, pale blue satin, trimmed in pink velvet.  
Miss English, blue flowered chiffon.  
Miss Emma Schaeffer, Irish lace.  
Mrs. Murphy, of Virginia, pale blue silk.  
Mr. Edward Penzabaker.

**INJURIES NOT SERIOUS.**

**Prof. T. C. Chamberlin Improving Rapidly from Effects of Fall.**

Thomas Crowder Chamberlin, eminent geologist, and of the faculty of the University of Chicago, is recovering from injuries received several days ago by a fall from a street car.

Inquiry at Garfield Hospital to-day developed that Prof. Chamberlin's injuries while painful, are not serious. They consist of slight contusions about the head. The physicians state he is improving, and will probably leave the hospital to-morrow.

Prof. Chamberlin is at present head of the department of geology and director of the Walker Museum of the Chicago University, a position that he has held since 1892.

Prior to his connection with the University of Chicago, Prof. Chamberlin filled many positions of prominence, at one time being United States geologist in charge of the glacial division.

In 1875 he studied glaciers in Switzerland, and in 1894 he accompanied the expedition to the north pole for the relief of Lieut. Peary.

He is a member of the National Academy of Sciences. To attend its meetings, concluded yesterday, he was in Washington. The Journal of Geology is published by Prof. Chamberlin.

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\$2.00 set Tablespoons.....1.25  
\$2.00 set Dinner Forks.....1.25

**Geneva Pattern**  
Six (6) in set.  
80c set Teaspoons.....40c  
\$1.15 set Tablespoons......90c  
\$1.15 set Dinner Forks......90c

**"La Pearle"**  
Six (6) in set.  
\$1.00 set Teaspoons.....40c  
\$2.00 set Tablespoons.....1.25  
\$2.00 set Dinner Forks.....1.25

**"Lorraine"**  
Six (6) in set.  
\$1.00 set Teaspoons.....50c  
\$2.25 set Tablespoons.....1.25  
\$2.25 set Dinner Forks.....1.25

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**BRENNAN'S CHARGES DENIED BY FERNALD**

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such statements by Brennan. Following the meeting, Commissioner Morrow said there was no ground for suspicion that there had been any crooked work in his department. He did not say, however, that the investigation had been dropped.

**Will Not Drop Case.**  
As far as P. J. Brennan is concerned, he says he will not let the case drop.

"Five weeks previous and after the Beall letter of protest I called the attention of Commissioner West to the alleged irregularities, which I suspected and had been advised existed in the Engineer Commissioner's office," said Mr. Brennan.

"I will not let the matter drop until I have been vindicated and my contentions shown to have a foundation on strong grounds."

Despite the reported statement of Commissioner Morrow that there is nothing more to investigate, it was reported last night that it is the intention of Mr. Brennan and other contractors to call the attention of the President, through the proper officers, to the alleged irregularities in the engineer department of the District government.

It is asserted the dismissal of Mr. Fernald is but the beginning of an investigation that can only result in complete exoneration of all accused, or the dismissal of certain officials of the District government.

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